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### Precedent Setters Had Obvious Faults

SEN. J. WILLIAM Fulbright (D-Ark.) gives a strange reason for criticizing President Eisenhower for accepting the blame for the spy plane flight.

The chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee has said that testimony by Allen Dulles of the Central Intelligence Agency has not changed his view that the President made a mistake.

He complained, "You've never heard of the head of any other government saying 'I sent planes over your country and we are going to continue to send them'."

The impression is given that President Eisenhower acted improperly because he acted differently.

It might be profitable to recall that no man had sailed west to go east until Christopher Columbus did it.

Columbus did it. Columbus sailed from the first when the only present television receiver and the products of original, creative thinking.

It may well be true that Eisenhower's policies contributed to the failure of the Paris summit meeting. But it is not clear that this was an adverse result.

The bursting of the bubble of talking away the world's troubles may bring a willingness in the West to face these troubles more realistically—and perhaps thus make more progress toward solving them.

President Eisenhower did not necessarily make a mistake by not following precedent. After all, most of the problems he wanted to solve at the summit were left to him by those who helped establish the precedents which he rejected.